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and (D)

1. (C) Charge d'Affaires Christopher Stillman, accompanied by Poloff, met January 26 with the Foreign Ministry's Director of Multilateral Affairs, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula. Ambassador Mulamula listened carefully to the concept for a Sudan Tribunal outlined in Reftel. Ambassador Mulamula said that she found the proposal "attractive" on first hearing. She said that the Foreign Ministry would need to consult internally to assess the impact on their relations with Sudan and the continent of hosting a joint UN-AU Sudan Tribunal. She said that if the UN Security Council were involved, and if there were intensive consultations within the AU and the UN, then "Tanzania would not stand in the way," and would fulfill its obligations as a host.

2.(C) Ambassador Mulamula observed that the Tanzanian government was already discussing transition strategies for Arusha, after the ICTR's mandate expires in 2008. She noted that the ICTR's international staff fueled much of the local economy. The ICTR had built considerable infrastructure, and well as considerable expertise among its local staff. She thought that Arusha's infrastructure could readily absorb 800 international staff that might be attached to an AU-UN Sudan Tribunal. She also thought that much of ICTR staff could be absorbed "seamlessly" into the new Tribunal.

3. (C) While she was generally enthusiastic about the Sudan Tribunal concept, Ambassador Mulamula nonetheless introduced a cautionary note. She said that if the UN Commission of Inquiry Report concludes that genocide has occurred in Darfur, then it would be a "different matter," requiring ICC involvement. "I know your government's position on the ICC," she said, "but it has a full mandate on these atrocities." She said that we would need to continue consultations, to arrive at the best solution for the African Union, the International Community and the Sudanese people.

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